

that didn't happen. You don't know who's going to win an election, and I think that's kind of beside the point anyway. Some others will argue that it was the courts fault that this particular legislative race ended so quickly. And I would argue that that's not necessarily true. I argued on the floor very strongly at the time we were considering that, that yes, the court said we must redistrict, but the court did not say when we should redistrict, and that indeed we could wait until the results of the elections of '92 were in before we actually did the redistricting and allow those candidates to proceed. The fourth argument that you will probably hear is that all of the other candidates in the race would want to be reimbursed. And I acknowledge that this is a possibility for the other candidate that did...that was a general election candidate, that's a possibility. And so I took that into my thinking when I prepared this amendment. And the amendment is simply for a \$5,000 figure, which, if you will look at the sheet which I gave out to you, would reimburse Gus Pick, the candidate, about half of what he had in actual expenses. I have, in the files here, all of his itemized expenses, which added up to about \$12,000. The candidate took in a little over \$2,000 in campaign contributions. So, in effect, he ended up paying for about \$10,000 of those expenses out of his own pocket. You will notice on the sheet that I handed out that he also claimed about \$30,000 of lost employment. I think that he and his son are contract combiners, and a lot of this was going on during the time when he felt that he could have been making more money. I took into account only actual expenses and the fact that he did raise some campaign contributions, and then I also took into account what I thought might be politically feasible or possible in bringing this claim to the floor of the Legislature, and I divided it in half so that the amendment is for about a \$5,000 reimbursement. I also thought that with putting the figure at \$5,000, and I don't have that amendment right in front of me, it's a little over \$5,000, I'll get it here before we finish, that if another candidate did come forth later with a claim that that is still within the realm of possibility for this Legislature to do. My staff has just put the amendment before me, and the actual amount of the amendment is a reimbursement for \$5,034.22. I might also add that this claim was discussed, I understand, with Senator Hall, and he may or may not have his light on, on this, to discuss it. But it was thought at that time that the Legislature had not set aside any money for this, to pay this claim. And I think at that time they were considering the larger amount that you will see on this sheet.